



FRISCO ELECTION AND POLLING LOCATIONS COMMITTEE

**FRISCO CITY HALL
GEORGE A. PUREFOY MUNICIPAL CENTER
FIFTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 5A
6101 FRISCO SQUARE BLVD.
FRISCO, TEXAS 75034**

10:30 AM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

City Secretary Jenny Page called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. A quorum was represented by Councilmen Jeff Cheney, Bob Allen, Pat Fallon, and John Keating. Staff present were Jenny Page, City Secretary; George Purefoy, City Manager; Ron Patterson, Assistant City Manager; and Tammy Follett, Sr. Administrative Assistant. Also present in the audience was Erica Hunt.

REGULAR AGENDA

Jeff Cheney suggested a Chair be appointed. Jenny Page stated a Chair could be appointed and ratified at the next meeting.

John Keating moved to nominate Pat Fallon as Chair. Jeff Cheney seconded the motion. Passed. Vote: 3-0

For: John Keating, Jeff Cheney, and Pat Fallon

Against: None

Abstain: Bob Allen

1. Discuss objectives and goals of the Committee.

Ms. Page distributed a list of questions and concerns submitted by Councilmember Fallon (copy attached). The members discussed their ideas as to what the objectives and goals of the Committee should be which included the following:

- Consistent location and ease for the voters - Have same location for Early Voting and Election Day to vote for all ballot issues including Independent School Districts (ISDs) and Counties.
- Adding, moving or eliminating polling locations.
- Have polling locations the same for Early Voting as Election Day.
- Educating the voters.

Due to having more than one independent school district (Frisco and Lewisville ISDs) and being located in Denton and Collin counties, these entities must be contacted for their input regarding joint polling locations.

Ms. Page explained the City and the ISDs contract with Collin County to conduct their elections which allows voters to vote anywhere in Collin County during Early Voting, however, voters are still required to vote at their precinct on Election Day. If an entity did not contract with the County, the voter would have to go to multiple locations to vote. She stated staff is exploring the option of also contracting with Denton County.

Ms. Page distributed the precinct map (copy attached) showing the number of registered voters in each precinct. She explained there are currently four polling locations on Election Day with an additional four locations for Early Voting. Any changes to locations must be submitted to the Department of Justice prior to calling the election which is scheduled for the first meeting in February.

Councilmember Fallon expressed his concerns using the Heritage Lakes Amenities Center since it is a private gated community. He stated although this location had a huge turnout, if this location is continued, there cannot be any guards, signs should be permitted, and voters should be able to come and go freely into the community. Councilmember Cheney stated he thought it was one of the best handled polling locations. Ms. Page stated if the location is considered there would have to be better communication between the Association and its staff regarding scheduling events in the rooms where voting is conducted so as not to compromise the integrity of the election.

Ms. Page stated she spoke with Lewisville ISD and they prefer to use Frisco Lakes over Heritage Lakes, however that community is not located with their district. Hicks Elementary would be their second choice. Ultimately, LISD prefers to have polling locations on school campuses for Election Day but not for Early Voting due to the high volumes of traffic.

Ms. Page stated Frisco ISD is agreeable to add locations but does not want to eliminate any. Frisco ISD is agreeable to using Griffin Middle School and Fire Stations.

Councilmember Cheney asked what it would cost to add an additional polling location. Ms. Page stated it would depend on how many entities are in contract with the County as the costs are split. Staff estimated the cost to be \$7,000 - \$14,000 for each additional location depending on size and service. The cost of the May 8, 2010 Election was \$23,000 and the Run-Off Election was \$36,998.

Councilmember Cheney asked if the contract with the other entities could be negotiated to include splitting the cost of a Run-Off. Ms. Page explained ISD's do not have Run-Offs as their votes are determined by plurality.

Ms. Page shared with the committee the ratio of other city's populations and number of polling locations as follows:

City	Plano	McKinney	Allen	Flower Mound
Population	263,8000	125,000	84,244	65,000
Registered Voters	144,100 Denton Co. 3,287	60,000	44,756	45,000
# Voting Locations	Collin Co. 14 Denton Co. 1	6-7	1	1

It was agreed by all members that one additional Election Day polling location should be added to each county side.

2. Give Staff direction in regard to future items for discussion and review.

The committee directed staff to contact the school districts and the counties to explore options for consistent Early Voting and Election Day polling locations, including the possible use of City Hall, Collin County Community College Campus and Fire Stations.

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Keating moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m. Councilmember Fallon seconded the motion with all voting in favor. 4 – 0.

Pat Fallon, Chair

ATTEST:

Tammy Follett, Sr. Administrative Assistant

(Please note these are preliminary meeting minutes and are not official until approved by the Committee at their next scheduled meeting.)